

REVIEW OF EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT ACTIVITIES FOR 2003 AND INITIAL  
CONCEPTS FOR 2005-06

Situation: Exempted fishing permits (EFPs) provide a process for testing novel fishing gears and strategies to substantiate methods for prosecuting sustainable and risk-averse fishing opportunities.

Progress updates from past and ongoing EFPs may help the Council in their consideration of fishing strategies and opportunities for next year's fishery. State representatives who sponsored recent and ongoing EFPs will brief the Council on significant results from those EFPs. This agendum also provides the opportunity for Council, state, and agency representatives to discuss concepts for EFPs in 2005 and 2006. These discussions could serve to refine and coordinate contemplated EFPs prior to adoption of 2005-2006 management measure alternatives under the next agendum and final 2005-2006 management measures at the June Council meeting. Final approval of 2005 EFP applications will occur at the November Council meeting.

The cost of conducting EFPs is the loss of some available harvest for directed full fleet fisheries. Therefore, the costs and benefits of allocating available harvest to EFPs and directed fisheries needs to be considered coincidentally. Harvest set asides for proposed EFPs in 2005 and 2006 will be adopted along with 2005-06 management measure alternatives under agendum C.10.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Consider EFP Results from 2003 and Concepts for 2005-06.**
- 2. Provide Guidance on Development of EFPs for 2005-06.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.9.b, WDFW Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Recommendations of the States, Tribes and Federal Agencies
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Development of EFPs for 2005-06.

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